

[English]

Oil Exploration Activities In Vietnam by ONGC

2413. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been undertaking oil exploration activities in Vietnam since 1988;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by ONGC in this regard so far, year-wise;

(c) the total earnings of ONGC from its operations in Vietnam so far, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have allowed the ONGC to have foreign partner for the oil exploration activities in Vietnam; and

(a) if so, the details of the terms and conditions of the partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far ONGC Videsh Limited has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 4112 lakhs as detailed below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

1988-89	...	119.11
1989-90	...	841.43
1990-91	...	2651.56
1991-92 (upto Oct 91)	...	500.00

4112.10

(c) Nil.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) ONGC is holding negotiations with prospective partners in this regard.

Sliding Down of Dhanbad

2414. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhanbad Town is in a danger of sliding down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Dhanbad District Authorities have been informed of this danger; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Reservation in Allotment of LPG Agency in Delhi

2415. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allotment of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agency has been made in accordance with the provision of reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Delhi;

(b) if , not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made so far in filling up the reservation quota of the Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes during the last two year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Fishing Harbours

2416. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several fisherman along the sea coast carry out their operations without landing facility for their crafts;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to develop fishing harbours in each coastal State:

(c) the number of fishing harbours existing along Maharashtra coast and the details of fishing harbour under construction; and

(d) the reasons for delay in developing the Anandwadi Project at Deogar in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Central Government assist the State and Union Territory Governments to develop minor fishery harbours and fish landing centres by giving 50 per cent of the cost as grant. The Central Government also

establishes major fishery harbours at selected ports by bearing 100 per cent cost.

(c) Along Maharashtra coast, one major fishery harbour and twenty nine fish landing centres have been commissioned. The major fishery harbour at Sassoon Dock, Bombay is expected to be completed by December, 1992. A fish landing centre at Surjekote is under construction.

(d) Techno economic feasibility report for the project is still awaited from the State Government of Maharashtra.

Supply of Salt to Fishermen

2417. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fisherman along the coast-line are not getting adequate quantity of salt for drying their fish and the price of salt is too high; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to supply adequate quantity of salt to fisherman at reasonable price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Central Government have no report either about the inadequate availability of salt for drying of fish or on high price of salt.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

LPG Connection in Uttar Pradesh

2418. SHRI BAKRAJ PASSI:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA
KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: